REMARKS

1.   Applicant thanks the Examiner for the Examiner's comments which have greatly assisted Applicant in responding.

Applicant has amended Claim 9 to clarify the invention. It should be noted that Applicant has elected to amend said Claim solely for the purpose of expediting the patent application process in a manner consistent with the PTO's Patent Business Goals, 65 Fed. Reg. 54603 (9/8/00). In making this amendment, Applicant has not and does not in any way narrow the scope of protection to which Applicant considers the invention herein to be entitled and does not concede, in any way, that the subject matter of such Claim was in fact taught or disclosed by the cited prior art. Rather, Applicant reserves Applicant's right to pursue such protection at a later point in time and merely seeks to pursue protection for the subject matter presented in this submission.

2.   Informalities. The Examiner has objected to the disclosure because of the informality that page 1 indicates two appendices on microfiche that are not in the application file. Applicant has attached the two appendices on microfiche. Therefore, Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner withdraw the objection.

3.   Double patenting. The Examiner has rejected Claims 1-24 under the judicially created doctrine of double patenting over Claims 1-24 of U.S. Patent No. 6,249,863. Applicant has attached a terminal disclaimer in compliance with 37 CFR 1.321. Therefore, Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner withdraw the rejection under the judicially created doctrine of double patenting.

4.   35 U.S.C. § 112. The Examiner has rejected Claims 9-16 under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which the applicant regards as the invention.

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Applicant has amended Claim 9. Claim 9 now appears as follows:

9. A method for starting a process comprising the steps of:
    detecting insertion of a storage media into a peripheral;
    checking for a file of a predetermined name on said storage media, and
    starting up a process from said file of said predetermined name, said step
    for starting up containing a sequence of instructions to be executed to start up
    said process.

it is clear in Claim 9 where checking is done for the file of a predetermined name.

Applicant believes independent Claim 9 is in allowable condition. Claims 10-16 are
dependent upon Claim 9. Therefore, Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner
withdraw the rejection under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph.

CONCLUSION

Based on the foregoing, Applicant considers the present invention to be distinguished
from the art of record. Accordingly, Applicant earnestly solicits the Examiner's
withdrawal of the rejections raised in the above referenced Office Action, such that a
Notice of Allowance is forwarded to Applicant, and the present application is therefore
allowed to issue as a United States patent.

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Version with markings to show changes made

In The Claims

Please amend Claim 9 as follows (Marked copy):

9.   (first amended)   A method for starting a process comprising the steps of:
detecting insertion of a storage media into a peripheral;
checking for a file of a predetermined name <u>on said storage media</u>, and
starting up a process from said file of said predetermined name, said step for starting up containing a sequence of instructions to be executed to start up said process.

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